



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2009

WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis is a fatal lung disease characterized by chronic lung infections and digestive disorders and is one of the most common genetic diseases in the United States for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30,000 Americans and more than 60 North Dakotans have cystic fibrosis, more than half of them children; and

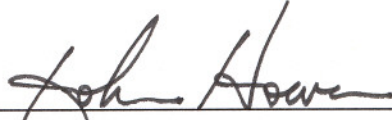
WHEREAS, prompt, aggressive treatment of the symptoms and access to medical care are extending the lives of people who have the disease; and

WHEREAS, educating the public about cystic fibrosis, including its symptoms, increases knowledge and understanding of the disease and promotes early diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, a combination of treatment and genetic research allows a growing number of North Dakotans with cystic fibrosis to be contributing members of our society and economy; and

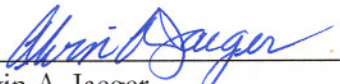
WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are encouraged to observe this month by participating in *GREAT STRIDES: A Walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis* and other appropriate activities and programs that support additional resources for research, enhancing the quality of life and levels of support for individuals with cystic fibrosis and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2009, **CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State